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ALEXANDRIA:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 16, 1858.

Adjournment of Congress. The business of a public character was, on Monday, disposed of by both Houses, after postponing the adjournment to the hour of

six o'eleck. In the Senate, some discussion took place in regard to the manner in which the House had acted on the Post Office appropriation bill; and subsequently, the bill having been received from the House with its disagreement to all the amendments, a new committee of conference was appointed, and a report was soon thereafter agreed upon, the Senate receding from its amendments. The bill was sent to the President of the United States for his signature; and this, with all the general appropriation bills and the loan bill, received his prompt approval.

Several Executive sessions were held during the day.

In the usual temporary absence of the Vice President, the Hon. Benjamin Fi zpatrick was chosen President of the Senate, pro

On Mr. Seward's motion a vote of thanks was accorded unanimously to Vice President Breckinridge, for the dignity and impartiality with which he had presided over the body during the session-a compliment well deserved and cordially bestowed.

A joint committee baving previously waited upon the President of the United States, and reported that the President had no further communication to make to the two Houses, upon the arrival of the hour of six o'clock, the session was closed.

The House of Representatives, being notified that the President of the United States had signed the several appropriation bills thus far submitted to him, Mr. J. G. Jones moved to take from the table the Post Office appropriation bill, which, he said, had been thus disposed of temporarily, without any intended discourtesy to the Senate, but simply to express the objection of the House to the mode of appending subjects of general legislation to appropriation bills. He suggested that the House should insist on its disagreement to all the Senate's amendments, and ask a further conference. This course was adopted; and Mr. Phillips, of Pennsylvania, soon thereafter reported that the Senate had receded from its amenda ents. The bill was thus passed.

Several resolutions were adopted having reference to the business of the next ses-

At the hour of six o'clock Mr. Speaker Orr declared the body adjourned sine die.

The session has been closed several weeks earlier than usual, yet it must be admitted that a large amount of business has been dispatched, both of a public and private nature, notwithstanding the pressure of exciting political topics which for months absorb ed the attention of membeers; and it is but siness is in a great degree to be attributed to the general ability of the Speaker and to the facility and impartiality with which he decided points of order and discharged the truly arduous duties of his position .-- Nat.

Extra Session of the Senate. The President of the United States has

convened a special session of the Senate .-It may reasonably be inferred that, in addition to Executive nominations yet pending, there are treaties or other Executive business to be submitted for consideration. The special session of the Senate commenced yesterday. It will, probably, last for two or three days.

The Richmond Examiner gives in its Friday's issue an interesting sketch of Richard H. Toler, the former distinguished editor of the Lynchburg Virginian, and afterwards of the Richmond Whig. Mr. Toler started in the world on his own resources, but his abilities were soon developed. He was a diffident gentleman-but of force of character, soundness of judgment, and talents for both speaking and writing.

The coal which we noticed some time ago, as discovered near Farmville, in Cumberland county, Va., is now in good bands for development, and will shortly be in market. Some gentlemen of Farmville are opening out mines and erecting machinery under the management of J. T. DeBow-a brother of the geologist-and will soon have abundant facilities to produce all the coal which the present limited market of that section will

The hail storm to which we alluded in our last issue, says the Fredericksburg Recorder of Friday, did more damage than we then supposed. We since learn that the crops on the farm of J. H. Lacy, esq., and sundry other farms in the neighborhood of the "Wilderness," were completely destroyed by the hail. The storm was so violent that travelers were compelled to hasten to the first shelter to keep from being seriously hurt.

A letter from Leesburg, dated 13th instant, says :- "I am sorry to say that we were visited, on Saturday last, by one of the most violent rain storms ever known in these parts -the water falling to the depth of six or seven inches, and flooding the whole country; Tuscarora, Sycolin, and Goose Creeks | that one-third was used in the State for bread rising from twelve to eighteen feet perpen- and seed, and that the two-thirds delivered in

The amount of bids for the new Treasury notes (\$4,000,000, to have been awarded on Monday,) were very large, reaching \$22,-000,000 at New York alone. Two bids, at least, were made for the entire amount each. The rate of interest is about 41 per cent.

The Senate, on Monday, by a vote said to have been as decided as three to one, confirmed the President's nomination of Augustus Schell, esq., as collector of the port of are assessed at \$370,000,000, and our slaves New York.

The Union denies that there are any dis- Fredericksburg Herald. sensions in the Cabinet; and affirms that the President "entertains undiminished confidence in each and every one of his Cabinet."

Charles E. Mix, esq., has been appointed resigned.

It was briefly mentioned a few days ago, that the wife and eight children of the Rev-Horatio Ilsley, of Roscoe, Ill., were all drowned on the 3d instant, during a freshet. The reverend gentleman, the only survivor of the whole household, has given a minute account of the sad disaster. It appears that his house was near a small crock, and be and family saw the water rising rapidly. At nine clock at night the house was surrounded by water, and he proposed to his family to leave, but some persons in the neighborhood persoaded him to remain. He did so, and all were drowned, except himself.

The Fredericksburg Herald says that sturgeon appear to be quite plenty in the Rappahannock this season. One person caught eight in one day in the river between Fredericksburg and the falls, a distance of less than a mile. Some of the largest herring have also been caught in gill nets within the last New Orleans. Mr. Jefferson is also being ten days between the same points.

Two entire families, excepting three children, were murdered in Brown county, Texas, by four men from Lampassus county, who professed to be on a surveying expedi tion, but who were disguised as Indians. The object of this wholesale murder was money. Ten persons were killed.

From Washington,

WASHINGTON, June 14 .-- The appropriations made by the late session of Congress, amount to at least \$80,000,000.

The bids for the Treasury loan were not opened to-day, owing to the absence of the Secretary at the capitol, but they will be to-The Senate, in executive session, confirm-

ed Mr. Schell as the collector of the port of New York; Mr. Saunders as navy agent at New York, and Dr. Bradford, of the same State, as consul at Rome, and John P. Stockton, nominated minister to Rome. A number of army appointments were confirmed, including Wm. R. Stevens as captain of the seventh infantry.

The Senate failed to act on the House bill,

repealing so much of the post route bill as authorizes the Postmaster General to make more extensive arrangements for the transportation of the great through mails between Portland and New Orleans.

The late session of Congress was remarkable for fewer scenes of disorder in the closing hours than any of its predecessors. Mr. Fiorence, of Pennsylvania, took the lead after midnight of Saturday, in protesting against the desecration of the Sabbath by the transaction of business.

The President and his Cabinet were in attendance at the capitol to day, the former signing bills in the chamber of the Vice-President. The bill authorizing the Postmaster General to take measures to shorten the time for earrying the mail from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Placerville, California, from thirty-eight to thirty days, failed to receive the executive signature.

Telegraphic Despatches.

CINCINNATI, June 12 .-- The rain continued all last night, and to-day the weather is cloudy, with light showers. The river has risen seven feet since last night, and is still rising. The damage to railways is not serious, and can be repaired in two days.

Sr. Louis, June 14 .- A dispatch from Fort Leavesworth says the march of the sixth column is postponed till the 12th .-Gen. Harney leaves on the 13th. The reported cutting off of Col. Marcy's train is unfounded.

New Orleans, June 14.-The steamboat Eclipse exploded her heater yesterday near Natchez, by which two and three wounded.

MEMPHIS, June 14 -- The steamer Pennsylvania, about seventy miles below this place. just to say that the prompt disposition of bu- exploded her boiler on Sunday morning, and burnt to the water's edge. There were 350 bassengers on board, 100 of whom are supposed to be killed or missing. Among the lest are known to be of New Orleans; Father Delcross, Mrs. Mitts and daughter, Foster Hurst, N. and J. Bautschen, Dennis Corcoran. Of Texas: Joseph. O. Pilan, H. B. Nichols. Of St. Louis: Mrs. Fulton. Of New York: E. Gleason. Of Mississippi: Mr. Sackers. Of Louisville: Mr. Lenter. John Luckhorn, James Bowles, James Burns, Wm. Woodford. Also, an English gentleman from Cuba, and Lewis J. Black, E. Generous, and Francis Dorris, second engineer. Among the passengers who escaped were Isaac P. Tice, of Baltimore, and H. A. Snead,

Hampden Sidney College.

Last week was commencement week at the old and celebrated College of Hampden Sidney, in Prince Edward; and Farmville presented an animated appearance during most of the week.

Several brilliant addresses were delivered by the members of the College and other gentlemen; amongst whom were the Rev. Dr. McGuffey of the University, whose fame and learning are justly celebrated. On Thursday, the exercises closed with the orations of the graduating class, and that night, the students and their friends, ce'ebrated the occa-

sion with the usual festivities. Hampden Sidney has turned out more instructors, teachers, preachers, statesmen, and orators, than perhaps any other institution in the South. Its fame is not so wide, nor the number of its students so great, as many others; but it has been in the hands of good and great men and diligent laborers .-Such men as Alexander, Cushing, Carroll, Maxwell and Rice, were guarantees for the proper training of the minds intrusted to their care. Their motto was "Love is Power."-May the present and future Presidents and

professors be as good, wise and diligent. Hampden Sidney originated in an academy founded by the Presbytery of Hanover, which was afterwards incorporated as a College. William and Mary being fostered by the Episcopalians, this establishment was located at a point convenient for the Presbyterians of both Virginia and North Carolina It is on an elevated, healthy and pleasant lo-

cation .- Rich. Enq. Agricultural Taxable Property.

Mr. Paxton, who essayed in vain in the Virginia Legislature to carry out Gov. Wise's tax on the oyster fundum, presented the following facts as collected from the Census of 1850. About 11,000,000 bushels of wheat were produced in this state. If we allow market sold at \$1.25 per pushel, the value of the crop would be about \$9,000,000. In the same year the tobacco crop of the State was estimated at 56,000,000 pounds, which at eight cents per pound, would be worth about \$4,500,000. If we suppose the value of the tobacco crop was doubled by the quantity manufactured, the total value of the wheat and tobacco delivered in market would be \$18,000,000. These staples constitute the balk of our exports, and in the production of which the greater part of the capital and labor of the State is employed. Our lands at \$300 each, are worth \$120,000 000 making their total values nearly \$500,000,000.-

Cairo City nearly Destroyed.

Sr. Louis, June 14 .- Cairo city is flooded by the freshet, and all the houses are tumbng down and drifting away or sinking .commissioner of Indian affairs, vice Denver, | the flood. All the streams on the Mississippi | much loved county of Rockingham .- Rock-Searcely a building is expected to withstand

News of the Day.

"To show the very age and body of the Times."

The brig Arabella, Day, from Aspinwall, arrived at New York, Saturday morning, and reports, 1st inst., lat. 23°, long. 86° 36', at 2 P. M., was fired into by a British steam gunboat, when the brig was hove-to. Soon after a boat from the steamer came alongside, and the officer in charge enquired where the brig was bound, and where from, and demanded to see her papers, which were shown him.

to proceed. The officer was very polite. A letter from Florence, Italy, to the Newark Advertiser, states that Mr. Hart's marble memorial of Mr. Clay for the ladies of Virginia, is in progress, and will probably be ompleted during the year. The same artist s further occupied on the model for a colossal bronze figure of Mr. C. for the city of commemerated in marble for the State of Virginia by an aspiring young sculptor of the Old Dominion, Mr. Galt.

The New Orleans papers of the 8th inst. confirm the telegraphic announcement of the result of the city election. Mr. Stith, the American candidate for mayor, had 200 maority, and all the candidates on the same ticket were chosen, with one exception. Lumsden, of the Picayune, was defeated for alderman. The election is said to have been the most quiet one ever held in the city .-The total vote, however, (which is not given) was very light, estimated at not over 5,000, whereas there are about 12,000 in the city.

The Leviathan, it is announced by the company, will not make her contemplated trip to Portland, Me., until next spring. She will then commence running regularly beween Holyhead or Liverpool and Portland, making the trip, it is expected, in seven tween the United States and the King of Den-Arrangements have already been lays. made with the London and Northwestern Railway Company of England, and the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, for allowing the steamer a portion of the receipts on all the ship's traffic passing over

At New Market, Frederick county, Md., on Monday morning, as Dr. Wm. L. Willis was about starting on a gunning excursion, in company with his brother and several friends. his gun was accidentally discharged, the contents of one barrel entering just above the left eye, blowing off the top of his head and scattering his brains about the ground. He expired in about fifteen minutes. His brother immediately fell in a swoon, and as he did so bis gun was also accidentally discharged, but fortunately without inflicting injury upon him or any one else.

The people of the Azore Islands, particularly the inhabitants of Faval and Funchal, are reported to be again in the most deplorable condition. Mr. Wm. Poole, writes to the Journal of Commerce: -- "Famine is stalking through their streets; and throughout the Island; and unless speedy assistance is rendered them, it is feared large numbers will

During Friday night and Saturday, drenching rains fell in Philadelphia, and in consequence the wharves along the Schuylkill were completely submerged yesterday, doing no little damage. Rafts and lumber of every description found their way to Market Street bridge, where they were impeded .-The boats to Manayunk were prevented from running, and the office of the boat company almost wholly filled with water.

The English papers record the conviction of Dr. Willoughby, from the Botanical College, Baltimore, United States, for fraud. His real name is John Glen, an illiterate young man, who had been engaged as a cleaner of clocks in August last, but becoming ambitious of greater wealth and distinction than he could achieve in this employ. poses, approved 17th of July, 1854. ment, turned a doctor and vender of medi-

Channeev Schaffer, esq., a well known lawver of New York, has been held to answer a charge of attempting to shoot Justice Sheers. Mr. S., it is stated, was unconscious at the time of the attempted shooting from the effeets of chloroform, used to relieve an aching tooth which had troubled him incessantly for nearly three weeks past, during which time he had scarcely slept

On the 31st of May the bodies of two white men were found upon the shores of Bluff Point, Northumberland county Va. No papers were found upon their persons by which they could be identified. The hair and whiskers of one of them are black, and the body dressed in a black cloth coat, dark cassimore pants and cassimere vest. The bodies were interred upon the shore where found.

The quantity of rain which fell between the hours of 6 P. M., on Friday, and 9 P. M., on Saturday, in Baltimore, was four inches and fifteen hundredths of an inch .--This immense quantity of rain, almost as much as usually falls in a month, caused the freshet which did so much damage.

Pieces of a vessel, with a drawer containng the charter paper of the schooner Pedee. Captain Baker, from Cienfuegos, bound to New York, have been found on the beach. near Worcester, Md. There is no doubt that the Pedee was wrecked on our coast and all

hands probably lost. It is stated that Mr. Reed, our Minister to China, is satisfied with his experience of the Celestials, and will return to the United States in the fall, leaving the complicated problem of Chinese diplomacy, for future so-

Visit of an Old Citizen.

On Thursday of last week we enjoyed the pleasure of a visit from our old and valued friend and countyman, Daniel Roadcap, sen. Mr. R. is now a resident of Henry county, Indiana; and although he is in the 75th year of his age, yet he is young enough to re-visit Rockingham, a county for which he feels the has beretofore so actively labored. He was one of the first and warmest friends of the Manassas Gap Railroad, heading a liberal subscription to loan the Company money and take it out in freight and travel upon the completion of the road. His active efforts in behalf of this important improvement are still remembered gratefully by those who are to enjoy the fruits of his labors.

Mr. R. has settled himself in Indiana in the midst of railroads, so that he can almost "take the wings of the morning" and fly to any point of the compass. His trip from Indiana to Harrisonburg occupied but about 48 hours! nothwithstanding he came 67 miles by stage. Only think of it! An old gentlemen of Mr. Roadcap's years making such steamers and otherwise, during the fiscal year a trip in such time!

He came through without accident, although he "was in at the death" of some cattle that were killed on the railway, on the morning of the 1st of June. The train ran into the cattle about daylight, and killed 4 or 5, smashing the cars and tearing up the track for some distance. Fortunately, no human being was damaged by the accident, which threatened such serious consequences to the lives and limbs of all on board the

train. The old gentleman expresses himself much pleased with his new home, although he has reserved to himself the right to vibrate at least once a year, between Indiana and his

The following is believed to be a correct list of all the Public Acts, passed at the session of Congress just closed.

An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of th United States for the year ending June 30,

Making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various In lian tribes for the year endand after scrutinizing them allowed the brig

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and diplomatic extenses of the Government for the year ending June 30, 1859. To alter the times of holding the United States district courts for the State of South

Making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy, for the year ending

To supply an emission in the enrolment of a certain act therein mentioned. To authorize the President of the United States, in conjunction with the State of Texas, to run and mark the boundary lines between

June 30, 1859.

the Territories of the United States and the State of Texas. Making an appropriation for the payment of clerks employed in the office of the registers of the land offices at Oregon City and

Winchester, in the Territory of Oregon. Extending the land laws cast of the Cascade Mountain, in Oregon and Washington

Territories. Making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of Government, for the year ending June 30, 1859. To prevent inconvenient accumulation in

the Post Office Department of the postmasters' quarterly returns. To enable the President of the United States to fulfil the stipulations contained in the third and sixth articles of the treaty be-

mark, of the 11th of April, 1857, for the discontinuance of the Sound dues. Declaring the title to land warrants in certain cases.

To supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1858. To appropriate money to supply deficien-

cies in the appropriations for paper, binding, and engraving ordered by the Senate and House of Representatives of the 331 and 34th Congresses, and which has been executed.

To provide for the organization of a regiment of mounted volunteers for the defence f the frontier of Texas, and to authorize low fever. the President to call into the service of the United States, four additional regiments of volunteers.

For the relief of certain purchasers of lands within the limits of the Chectaw cession of 1830.

For the relief of the settlers on certain lands in the State of Himois.

To authorize the Vestry of Washington Parish to take and enclose certain parts of streets in Washington city for the purpose of extending the Washington Cemetery, and for other purposes.

To establish a land office in New Mexico. term of the district court of the United States for the western district of the State of Texas.

To authorize the issue of Treasury notes. from the collection district of New Orleans, town. They were French. The sister was the harbor of New York, where two-thirds of to require even a passing notice. The city and make it a port of delivery within the the housekeeper of the brothers. The two the revenue is collected, and of the strenuous authorities have thus shown their appreciacollection district of Mobile.

To provide for the issuing, service and return of original and final process in the circuit and district courts of the United States in certain cases. Confirming locations of land warrants un-

der certain circumstances. thorize the President of the United States to | They said they wanted shelter and assistance, as any other well informed person, that every | price for one in this Church, which was cause to be surveyed the tract of land in the as people were after them and wanted to take foot and acre of land in the vicinity of New cupied by him and his family, during his Territory of Minnesota belonging to the half

For the admission of the State of Minnesota into the Union. To alter the times of holding the circuit

the district of Vermont. the president or secretary of any incorporated found a man who had nearly lost his life in

proved March 3d, 1825. For the admission of the State of Kansas nto the Union. To acquire certain lands needed for the

lumbia. the State of California, and for other pur- was then drawn around to where it was nation at the next session. Instead of con- and reverence for the supreme being, of which

To enlarge the Detroit and Saginaw districts in Michigan. Amendatory of an act entitled "An act to establish two additional land districts in the Territory of Minnesota," approved, July 8,

To extend an act entitled "An act to continge balf pay to certain widows and orphans," approved February 3, 1853. To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to sell the old custom-house and site in Bath,

Maine, and for other purposes. To provide for the collection and safe keeping of public archives in the State of Cali

fornia. To amend the act entitled "An act to ascertain and settle the private land claims in but it may be only a cloak to cover up a di- connexion with his public relations, were lead to political prosperity, religion and mo-

frauds in lands titles in California. To confirm the sale of the reservation held

by the Christian Indians and to provide a permanent home for said Indians. penses of the Government for the year ending

the 30th of June, 1859. Making appropriations for the support of he army for the year ending the 30th of June,

the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department and for fulfilling treaty strongest regard and for whose interests he stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1859.

> vice for the year ending the 30th of June, weather, we do not know how successful the less there he a specific, tangible charge, and 1859. Granting an appropriation for the comple-

tion of the military road from Astoria to Salem, in Oregon Territory. Making appropriations for the expenses of collecting the revenue from customs. To supply deficiencies in the appropriations

for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1858. Making appropriations for the transportation of the United States mail by ocean

To establish certain post roads. Making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending ending the 30th of June, 1859. Authorizing a loan not exceeding twenty millions of dollars.

In relation to courts and the holding of the

ending June 30, 1859.

terms thereof in the several Territories of the United States. Joint resolution to amend the act entitled 'An act to regulate the compensation of members of Congress," approved August 16,

For the relief of Gen. Sylvester Churchill. Making an appropropriation for the payment of expenses of investigating committees of the House of Representatives.

Respecting the distribution of certain public documents.

For the relief of Henry Orndof.

Authorizing the arrangement and disposal of public buildings in the city of Phila-For paying the compensation of stee

House of Representatives. Authorizing Commander M. F. Maury to accept the gold medal awarded to him by the

Emperor of Austria. Making an appropriation to pay the expenses of the several investigating committees of the House of Representatives. To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury

to audit and settle the accounts of the contractor for the erection of the United States Marine Hospital, at San Francisco, Cal. To extend and define the authority of the President under the act approved January

16, 1857, entitled "An act to amend an ac entitled 'An act to promote the efficiency of the navy," in respect to dropped and retired naval officers. To extend the operation of the act approved January 16, 1857, entitled "An act to

amend an act entitled 'An act to promote the efficiency of the navy.' To authorize certain officers and men gaged in the search for Sir John Franklin, to receive certain medals presented to them by

the Government of Great Britain. Devolving upon the Secretary of War the act supplemental to an act therein mention-

ed," approved December 22, 1854. Providing for the payment of certain expenses of holding the United States courts in the Territory of Utah.

to accept a sword of honor from her Majesty | port says, "as far back as the year 1820, the the Queen of Spain.

Republic of Paraguay. To extend for a further time the provisions the joint resolution, approved March 10, 1858, in relation to certain dropped and re- owing to one cause and another, until by the and who bowed mockly at the same allar. tired officers of the navy.

Authorizing the Secretary of War to expend the appropriation made July 8, 1856, upon such channel of the St. Mary's river, as he may select. For the benefit of the widow of Comman-

der William Lewis Herndon, United States Authorizing suitable acknowledgments to be made by the President to the British naval authorities at Jamaica for the relief ex-

For the relief of John Grayson. To correct an error in a certain act ap-

proved May 11, 1858. To correct an error in the act for the relief of Stephen R. Rowan, approved June 1, 1858. In regard to carrying the United States mails from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Piacerand presented to the President, but not retuned by him as approved.

Horrible Murder in Michigan.

Religious Excitement .- The Detroit Free To change the time of holding the spring | Press of June 11th, says: "A horrible mur- sustained by an overwhelming amount of corder was committed on Tuesday in the town roborating testimony. of Mill R ver Point, Macomb county, near the line of this county. It appears that two To detach Selma, in the State of Alabama, brothers and a sister were living in that increasity for the defence of our commerce in | mable gentlemen, are too well remembered ion, there was nothing upon their bodies them. Being asked why, they said that they York is annually increasing in price. Judge life, and has been by some of his name and breeds or mixed bloods of the Dacotah or had killed their sister. The story was not Hopkins in his report, says that it was sound family ever since. Sparks, in his life, states Sioux nation of Indiane, and for other pur- credited, and they were taken in and placed policy in the Secretary to make the purchase | that after the French war, and while in retirein an upper room, which was well guarded, as their actions excited suspicions of insanity. Government by doing so. And the report terest in Church affairs, regularly attending

which is all we have respecting his case .-

sought the neighbors. The murderers act like insane men, but have not been previously known as such; cause she persisted in going to church every bers of Congress. oninion of the inhabitants of the vicinity is tion against Governor Floyd, and himself all

the State of California," passed March 3, bolical deed and escape its consequences.

Mount Vernon Celebration. all the principal corporations in Virginia the intention is that the celebration shall be rightness as a public agent." a general one." [Mayor Massie, of this city, has received a similar letter. As city celebrations of the 4th, in the South, are now genplan proposed may be.

The Corn Crop.

Much apprehension is beginning to be felt as to the yield of the next corn crop. The renewed heavy rains throughout the west is seriously interfering with planting. It is bought through tickets over the Great Southnow becoming almost too late for the class western Route via Orange and Alexandria of corn usually planted to ripen before the Railroad. It is decidedly the cheapest and fall frost. The Chicago papers make the best route, and has an advantage over all important suggestion to the board of trade others. The office of the Orange and Alexof that city to procure immediately from New York about 50,000 bushels of sound flint corn. They say that the corn in thousands terday afternoon with passengers and bagof fields has rotted and that a supply of earig seed corn would be eagerly taken by the farmers at a fair price.

Pardoned. Henry T. L. Wilson, who has been in jail

Wash. Star.

SUGAR CURED HAMS.—One cask of the celebrated McKeehan & Evan's HAMS, just received, and for sale by
L. M. McCORMICK, Theatre Building.

Willett's Point-Secretary of War, &c. Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14, 1858 .- A graphers employed by committees of the pointed by resolution of the House on the 9th fast fading away-it is well to cherish with of Queens and State of New York, opposite Fort Schuyler, purchased by the Government for tortification purposes during the year 1857, with power to send for persons and ter of our liberties. Under the influence of this investigation, as to the purchase of Wilof further investigation, shows the correct- on the tall spire, which lifts its majestic ness of the views presented. In the purchase form from the midst of this sacred and conof "Willett's Point," the purpose was to secrated spot. A feeling of devotion was in-

show that the price paid for the property was spired by the scene around me, and I could extravagant, if not exorbitant. The very able report of Hons, Geo. W. execution of the act of Congress entitled "An Hopkins and Thos. B. Florence, two members of the Committee, in which in all ma-terial points Messrs. Wood and Hale both members of the Committee, concur, clearly shows that the purchase of this site for fortifilations was imperatively demanded by the Authorizing Leutenant William N. Jeffers | public interest. Judge Hopkins, in his renecessity for a fortification at Willett's Point For the adjustment of difficulties with the as a most important national defence, was urged upon the Government by the highest rest, peacefully and securely, the remains of authority." The purchase of this important | many whose voices no doubt were united site was, however, delayed from time to time, with his, in chanting the praises of God act of 3d March, 1857, an appropriation was receiving the sacred emblems of the broken

dence of the Government, and under no mo-

The Secretary of War being fully aware of the importance of this site as one of great | public and private benefactions of this estibrothers appeared at the house of a neight exertions heretofore made for the purchase | tion of his worth as a citizen, and we doubt hor, living some three or four miles distant, of Willett's Point, would have been clearly not, many are now living, to testify to his genat about twelve o'clock night before last, and detellet in his duty, as the head of the War erous benefactions. awakened them. Upon arising, he found the | Department, having this matter in charge, if two men in a strange condition. They were he had failed to carry out the intent and pur- General Washington, though having first both naked, and had bands made of straw pose of Congress in taking the necessary been engaged in the erection of Mt. Vernon tied around their waists. With this excep- steps for the commencement of this important | Church, which was finished the same year, fort. The Secretary of War knew as well and having a new therein-gave the at once; and that he has saved money to the | ment at Mount Vernon, he took a lively in-Yesterday morning the farmers in the also says, that after a most extraordinary public worship, and being at different times neighborhood gathered together and went to course of interrogation, in which all the rules a Ve-tryman in two Parishes—one of which and district courts of the United States for the house of the brothers, and there met a of legal evidence were set at naught, and the was Fairfax, and the other Truro-the place most horrible sight. They found the man-most palpable irrelevancy tolerated, there is of worship of the former being Alexandria, To repeal the sixth section of an act enti- gled body of the young girl, stripped naked not a solitary circumstance, not one jot or and of the latter Polick. Of his religious tled "An act to authorize the register or enrol- and lying in a wagon which stood in the tittle of evidence to affect the personal honor character, we have the most abundant evi-

ment and license to be issued in the name of road near the house. In the house was or official integrity of the Secretary of War. dence. In one of the sermons delivered after There have been, I believe, ten Investiga- his death, it was said: company owning a steamboat or vessel," ap- defence of the girl. His name is Deltair, ting Committees appointed at this session of Congress; and what have they amounted to? The house presented all the traces of a der. Nothing at all. The very gentleman who his heart—the true foundation stone of all perate struggle, in which the young girl had was the instigator of the Willett's Point Com- the moral virtues. He constantly attended een murdered, and then dragged out of mittee, has placed himself in a very "bad the public worship of God on the Lord's day Washington aqueduct in the District of Co | doors. Her hair was then cut off close to her | fix" by his course of conduct on the Commit- | -- was a communicant at his table, and by head by these mad fiends, and she was tee, and will probably be brought before the his devout and solemn deportment, inspired To create two additional land districts in thrown into a wagon in the barnyard, which bar of the House, and receive their condem- every beholder with some portion of that awe found. Her breast was full of gunshot victing the Secretary, he has convicted him- he felt so large a portion." wounds, and her face was cut up in an un- self. The appointment of Investigating Comdistinguishable mass of gashes. She was mittees, unless there be specific charges, and this great man, the founder of this mighty then left in her blood, while the murder responsible accusers, is wrong, and ought not Republic-whose name and fame are with to be permitted. The following extract from the world--all the elements, in active exer-Judge Hopkin's report, in regard to these Investigating Committees, is admirably suited | and it was here, in this venerated building, and how two persons could thus become in- to this session of Congress, for it not only ap- | within these sacred walls, that his voice was sane at a moment's notice, and commit so plies to Gov. Floyd, but to any one connected so frequently heard in praise to God, and horrible a deed, is a mystery. They said that they with the Government, who may be unfortu-they were prompted by God to kill her be-nate enough to incur the displeasure of mem-and the success of the cause in which he had

Sunday, and asserted that they made three "The result is an outrage upon all justice attempts before they accomplished it. The and right. While there is no named allega- venerable temple, hallowed by so many sathat the insanity is a religious one. If any in- the while absent, his efficial conduct, and by the feet of him, who has said, that: sanity exists this is probably the true cause, even his private affairs having no sort of made the subject of a prying scrutiny for rality are indispensable supports." A volume months together; he is placed before the could not trace all their connections with country in the attitude of a public functiona- private and public felicity. The Fredericksburg Recorder says : - "Our ry arraigned for malfeasance, when in the Mayor has received a letter from Mrs. Wm. recess of the committee room, it is known F. Ritchie, regent of the Mount Vernon Asso- that no one has dared to specify a charge; ciation for Virginia, suggesting to him the suspicion is aroused by the mere fact of the Making appropriations for sundry civil ex- propriety of taking the initiatory steps for a investigation; defamation is set at work; celebration on the 4th of July in this place, falsebood does its task; and yet, after a most the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the protracted and searching, and even inquisipurchase of Mt. Vernon. The Mayors of torial investigation, not one single circumstance is developed to impeach in the slight-

have received similar communications, and est degree, his honor as a man, or his ut-"The justice of this great nation revolts at such a course of procedure, and Congress owes it to the country and the character of the nation at once to apply the corrective, by Making appropriations for the naval ser- erally omitted, on account of the heat of the refusing any committee of investigation una responsible accuser. Otherwise, Congress will but lend its high authority to the perpetration of injustice and wrong; calumny will have unrestricted scope, and no man's repu-

tation will be safe." I am glad to notice that a large number of the Southern members of Congress have andria Railroad Company, in charge of Mr. Jas. A. Evans, was pretty well crowded yesgage going South. The well known business habits and politeness of the agent, is certainly a great acquisition to the Company.

Henry T. L. Wilson, who has been in juil nearly two years for a misdemeaner for aiding in the escape of John Essex at the time ment of HORSES, will be held in Upperville, of the Quigley murder, was to-day pardoned on the 17th of June, 1858. Premiums are offer- of the uesless, embracing the late styles of by the President. His two years sentence ed for one, two, and three year olds for Riding would have been up about next August .- Stock, and the same for Colts for quick draught, and for heavy draught. Persons entering for the premiums, must send

in their names on or before the 15th of June. No entries can be made after that day. Members will pay their subscriptions to the

Secretary. H. A. HALL, Sec'y, and Treasurer. Steel, Plough Iron, Mould Boards, &c.
Upperville, Fauquier Co., my 25—sotJe17 Middleburg, Va., ap 12—solm

A Visit to Christ Church. As "link after link," binding us to the select Committee, consisting of five members, infant days of the Republic, are being bretwo Democrats, two Black Republicans, and ken, and the vivid remembrance of the pious one Anti-Administration Democrat was ap- and patriotic virtues of our forefathers is of February last, for the purpose of investi- tenacious fondness, every 'relic' sacred 'co gating the facts and circumstances connected the memory of the honored dead-whose with the sale and purchase of a tract of land lives and fortunes were so freely sacrified at Wilkin's or Willett's Point, in the County in the defence of their country and the extablishment of those civil and religious privpapers. If the limits of a letter would per- this sentiment, and following the call of mit, I think it might be clearly shown that 'Christ Church' bell--whose solemn and imlett's Point, is but part second of the invesrigation for the sale of Fort Snelling, to which upon the pious ear, I entered the gate lead-I called the attention of your readers in my letter of the 2d instant. In the sale of Fort ton worshipped. It was the morning of the Spelling an attempt was made to condomn | Christian Sabbath. The sun shone out with the Secretary of War for selling the Fort be- anusual brightness-bathing the rich foliage low its value, but the action of the House, in of the trees which surround it, in rich offer laying the subject on the table as unworthy | gence, and casting lines of light and beauty

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not but exclaim: "With silent awe I hail the sacred morn Which slowly wakes while all the fields are

still: soothing calm on every breeze is home A graver murmur guigles from the rill. nd echo answers softer from the hill,

And softer sings the linnet from the thorn, The skylark warbles in a tone less shril Hail! light serene, Hail! sacred Sabhath morn.

On either side of this venerable edifice made of \$150,000, "for the commencement of a fort opposite Fort Schuyler, New York." er. But, now they rest peacefully from their On the 13th of April, 1857, Mr. Schelland labors-some under shafts and spires of Mr. Fowler, the Collector and Postmaster of marble, and others without the rudest memo-New York, were appointed a Commission by | rial to the activities they once bore:--the the Secretary "to ascertain, as far as practi- great, the proud, the rich, the poor-with cable, and by such means as they could fully one God for their common father-one earth rely upon, the fair value of the land." And for their sepulchre-one turf to hide their they were desired to "fortify their opinions dust! What history-what romance-what by those of such real-estate agents as deserve | tragedy-what secrets and mysteries are tended to the officers and crew of the United the confidence of the community, from their locked up with them in the grave! Sacred States ship Susquehannah, disabled by yel- standing and intelligence." On the 24th of and green and evermore fagrant with the April, this commission reported to the War breath of flowers, and musical with the Department that they had made inquiry as sound of gentle foot-falls, and the songs of to the value of the property known as Willett's | birds, be this sacred home of the dead. They Point; and that from the result of their in- were all beloved in their day-all Fathers. quiries and from personal inspection of the or Mothers, or Brothers, or Sisters, or Friends; property, they thought "if the quantity of or if any were foes-their comity lives not in land was as represented, the sum of \$200,000 | the tomb. Here they rest quietly--freed could not be considered an exorbitant price." | from the storms and vicissitudes of this morville, California. [This resolution was signed | The opinion of these gentlemen should be re- tal life; saying to the living, that they too by the officers of the two Houses of Cangress garded as conclusive as to the value of the must seen follow and rest with them, until land. They are gentlemen of high standing | the great day, when the trumpet shall sound and high position in the service and confi- bidding the nations of the dead to arise .-Conspicuous in this "City of the Dead," is tive to render any but an impartial decision; the 'monement' "erected by order of the and this opinion of the Commissioners is Common Council, to the memory of Charles Bennett, in commemoration of the private character, and public liberality of their esteemed fellow-citizen, A. D., 1841." The

'Christ Church' was erected in 1766 -

"To crown all these moral virtues -he had the deepest sense of religion impressed on

We find, then, in the life and example of cise, of the humble and consistent enristian;

embarked. Let us, then, never cease to reverence this cred associations, whose courts have been trud

"Of all the dispositions and habits which

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Bible Paporama. This fine painting is still on exhibition, in this city. Those who have not seen it should not allow the present opportunity to pass without improvement. It is one of the finest, if not the finest Paperama ever exhibited in this country. As a painting it is most admirably executed. The perspective, the coloring, and the grouping, are all in the highest order of the art. Then it is highly entertaining, and instructive. I have visited it twice, and as much as I was pleased on my first visit, I must confess that my admiration was greatly beightened by my second visit. Each separate scene is a perfect picture and study of itself-and while fifty cents is a high price for admittance, there is scarcely any one who will not feel, on seeing it that he is most amply compensated for his expenditure of that amount. Withal it has a fine moral effect. Even children and servants cannot fail to be instructed and profit ed by seeing it. I do not hesitate to recommend this panorama to the public. Nay more, I feel that I shall do good if I shall, by any thing I may say in commendation of

it, influence anybody to visit it.

JOHN E. EDWARDS. Petersburg, April 5th, 1858.

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